

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
October 19, 2015
7:00 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 19, 2015. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor Dave Kelley, Vice-Mayor Joe Yapsuga, Joanne Clendaniel, Anthony Carroll and Michael Routh.

Staff: Town Manager, Rebecca Greene; Town Clerk, Amy Thomas and Chief, Levi Brown .

Public: Aaron Gordy, George Sennett, Patty Eccles, Barbara Fajnor, Janette Carroll and Cheryl and Brian Wright.

Mayor Kelley introduced Officer Guild to Council and residents. He explained that Officer Guild has worked for the Town part time and will now be our full time officer.

Citizens Concerns:

Mrs. Eccles wanted to know what the customer charge on the water bill is for and Rebecca explained a portion is for unexpected repairs and another portion for reserves. Mrs. Eccles asked for an example of an unexpected repair and Rebecca stated the leak that we had on Main Street is a good example. Rebecca stated that if we did not have a customer charge line then we would have to increase the water charge each year to help pay for the costs of the water department. Councilman Routh asked if Mrs. Eccles or Mrs. Fajnor were able to attend the workshops that we offered and also if they read their letter that was sent out in February. Mrs. Eccles stated that she was not in Town for the workshops.

Mrs. Fajnor asked if we bid to other garbage companies and Rebecca replied yes. Rebecca stated we will be bidding in July and we normally bid for a five year contract but we are hoping to get a three year this time. Mayor Kelley asked if there were any other concerns and there were none.

Police Report:

Officer	Reg	SEU	Total
9451	79	34	113
9452	48	53	101
9453	0	0	0
9454	25	54	79
9455	0	0	0

Levi presented the September Police Report asking if there were any questions. Councilman Routh asked if they were still attending the Frederica meetings and Chief Brown replied yes it is two Wednesdays a month. Councilwoman Clendaniel asked how much longer they will be going there and Chief Brown stated until Frederica tells them a Felton Officer is no longer requested at the meetings. Councilwoman Clendaniel asked when Officer Guild will start and Rebecca stated that he is in training this week and starts on the road next week.

Motion: Vice Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to approve the September 2015 Police Report. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Budget Report:

Rebecca stated that on the second page of the summary sheet the water reserve line was added to the budget. We have deposited the amount that was billed to the residents instead of waiting to receive the money.

Councilman Routh asked if we received the bill for the leak on Main Street and Rebecca replied no.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to accept the September 2015 budget report. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Kelley presented the September 14, 2015 Town Council Meeting Minutes asking if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Motion: Councilman Carroll made a motion to accept the September 14, 2015 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion of Article 4 Title 42 – Skateboarding Ordinance:

Mayor Kelley explained to the Citizens and Council that last month Mr. Gordy attended the meeting and wanted to know if they can use skateboards for transportation in Town. It was discussed and the final decision was that we would put it on tonight's agenda to amend the skateboard ordinance allowing skateboards to be used in Town for transportation. After discussion with other Council members I think the ordinance should not be amended but we can continue to allow skateboards be used for transportation until the spring. He would like to talk to the Chief in the spring and ask him if he sees people using them for transportation or using them recreationally.

Mrs. Wright asked for some clarification on the skateboarding ordinance because in the past her neighbors had ramps in their driveway and there were never any problems. At some point they were told they had to remove the ramps because they could not have them in Town. Mayor Kelley

stated that he does not recall that issue and the ordinance states skateboarding is allowed on personal property but not allowed on public streets because of problems in the past.

Vice-Mayor Yapsuga stated two weeks ago he was driving down N Erin Avenue and there were people riding skateboards in the middle of the street. He said that he does not want to amend the ordinance because he does not feel like kids are going to follow the rules and ride them with caution. Councilman Carroll stated that he saw just the exact opposite through Hidden Pond with two kids on skateboards. He noticed when the cars were approaching them they pulled off to the side of the road. Mayor Kelley asked Vice-Mayor Yapsuga if he was ok with allowing them to continue to use it for transportation and Vice-Mayor Yapsuga replied yes.

Mr. Sennett stated that when skateboarding was allowed the kids were tearing up the curbs in the bank parking lot. Mayor Kelley stated that we will not allow that in the Town and asked the other Council members for their opinions about the kids using skateboards for transportation. Councilman Routh stated that he does not have a problem with kids using skateboards for transportation and he feels like it is no different than a bicycle and cars need to slow down when kids are on their skateboards. Councilman Clendaniel stated that she agrees with everyone else and thinks that we should not amend the existing ordinance and allow skateboarding for transportation.

Mayor Kelley stated we will allow skateboards to be used for transportation and we will revisit this in the spring. Mr. Gordy stated that he wore a vest to the meeting to show everyone that they can be used and it does make the skateboarder very visible. Mr. Gordy suggested offering a skateboard safety class and he will educate people about the rules and offer tips for being safer while skateboarding.

AT&T Cell Antenna Agreement:

Rebecca stated that each year a company called Black Dot contacts us to reduce AT&T's fees for their antennas on the tower. Currently Verizon pays us almost \$2500 a month and AT&T pays us \$1150 and AT&T wants to reduce their rates. When it is time for them to renew their rate it will increase by 15% and that will bring their fee up to \$1322.50, which is still not a lot. Rebecca stated that she would like to recommend that we increase the rate and if they don't agree to it then they can take their equipment off the tower. Councilman Routh stated that we need to tell them we want a certain amount and if they don't agree to that then they need to get off the tower.

Motion: Councilman Routh made a motion that we will not reduce the current rate for AT&T and it will be revisited in February when the contract is up. Councilman Clendaniel seconded this motion. A roll call was taken: Mayor Kelley-yes; Vice-Mayor Yapsuga-yes; Councilman Carroll-yes; Councilwoman Clendaniel-yes and Councilman Routh-yes.

Update on Railroad Avenue Paving Project:

Rebecca stated that last week we had the preconstruction meeting for the project. The agreement from the Railroad Company is almost complete and George and Lynch is waiting for their permit and then we can get the permit for the Town. It should take them about 20 days to do the concrete work and two weeks to finish the paving. Rebecca stated as soon as she gets set dates she will send everyone an email.

Update on Water Tower Project:

Rebecca stated that the water tower project is completed. During the maintenance we had six issues. We had to replace two meters, repair a control valve and repair two service lines and one main line.

Approval of the 2015 Holiday Schedule:

Rebecca presented the 2016 draft schedule to council asking if they had any issues. Councilman Routh stated that the schedule showed Columbus Day on a Tuesday but it is always on a Monday. After looking at the calendar it was proven that it is on Monday of next year. Rebecca stated that she will make the adjustment.

Motion: Councilwoman made a motion to accept the 2016 Holiday Schedule. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Member Resignation:

Rebecca stated that Robert Stronsky has resigned and will be moving and if anyone knows of someone that would like to be on the committee please let her know. Councilwoman Clendaniel stated that she knows someone down the street that works for the State as an engineer and she will contact him.

Motion: Councilwoman Clendaniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Routh seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

These minutes were prepared by Amy Thomas, Town Clerk.

Amy Thomas

Date